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Anthony Riley wows judges on "The Voice." / GETTY IMAGES

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'Voice' contestant Anthony Riley dies

Fan favorite. RIley, 28, who was on "The Voice," had quit the show to go to rehab.

Anthony Riley / GETTY IMAGES

Philadelphia native Anthony Riley, a contestant on the current season of NBC's hit singing competition "The Voice," was found dead Friday.

The soulful street performer, who instantly won over all four judges with his electrifying rendition of James Brown's "I Got You (I Feel Good)," apparently took his own life, according a report in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The singer was found in the basement of the Center City apartment he was staying at with friends, Philly.com reported.

Riley's friend, Robby Parsons, confirmed the news to Yahoo Music's Reality Rocks.

"Anthony passed away Tuesday. He wasn't found until yesterday [Friday]," he said. "His sister called me at 7:30 yesterday to tell me. … I called the friend he'd been living with, Bobby Iovine, and Bobby was in tears. And he said, 'Robby, it's true.'"

NBC told People magazine in a statement, "We are sad over the passing of Anthony Riley. We offer our deepest condolences to his friends and family during this very difficult time."

For the brief period he was on "The Voice," Riley was a fan favorite, and chose musician Pharrell Williams to be his coach.

In March, Riley, a frontrunner, suddenly left "The Voice" to enter a rehabilitation center due to substance abuse.

Last year, Philly magazine named Riley the city's best street performer. "You notice a gorgeous stranger. Your eyes meet. And suddenly you forget why you were so stressed out to begin with. Riley is that good," they wrote. METRO

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"I called the friend he'd been living with, Bobby Iovine, and Bobby was in tears. And he said, 'Robby, it's true.'"

Parsons

Temple. Philly physicist pleads not guilty in China tech transfer

The chairman of Temple University's physics department pleaded not guilty in Philadelphia federal court to four counts of wire fraud for allegedly sharing proprietary U.S. technology with China, his lawyer said on Friday.

Xiaoxing Xi, a 47-year-old American citizen born in China, was arrested and charged in May. Free on bail, he entered his not guilty plea on Thursday and faces up to 80 years in prison if convicted.

Federal prosecutors said Xi, an expert in the field of superconductivity, had a decade-long relationship with Chinese government entities and third parties and frequently collaborated with them on research.

Xi took a sabbatical from the Philadelphia university from 2002 to 2003 and worked with a U.S. company that invented a device that revolutionized the production of a material for "superconducting" electricity without resistance. The indictment did not identify the company.

Later, Xi bought one of those devices and shared the technology with the Chinese entities in violation of his contract with the company, which prohibited such transfers, prosecutors said.

In exchange, Xi "sought lucrative and prestigious appointments in China," the indictment said.

If convicted, Xi faces a prison sentence of up to 80 years, a fine of up to $1 million and other punishments, the U.S. attorney's office said.

No court dates have been scheduled.

Temple University said Xi remains a faculty member. REUTERS

North Philly

Police seek suspects in two separate North Philly shootings

Two men were shot in separate North Philadelphia shootings over the weekend.

Police are investigating a shooting that took place on Sunday evening, Fox News 29 reported.

A 48-year-old man was transported to Temple University Hospital after being shot in the left buttock. He is in stable condition, according to the report.

The shooting happened just before 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, on the 1600 block of West Dauphin Street.

On Saturday night, another man was shot on the 2100 block of North Leithgow Street.

Philly.com reported the 27-year-old man was shot by a suspect driving a silver Infiniti coupe.

The suspect pulled up to where the victim was sitting and opened fire.

Police described the suspect as a white or Hispanic man wearing glasses and a white T-shirt.

The condition of the victim was unknown. METRO

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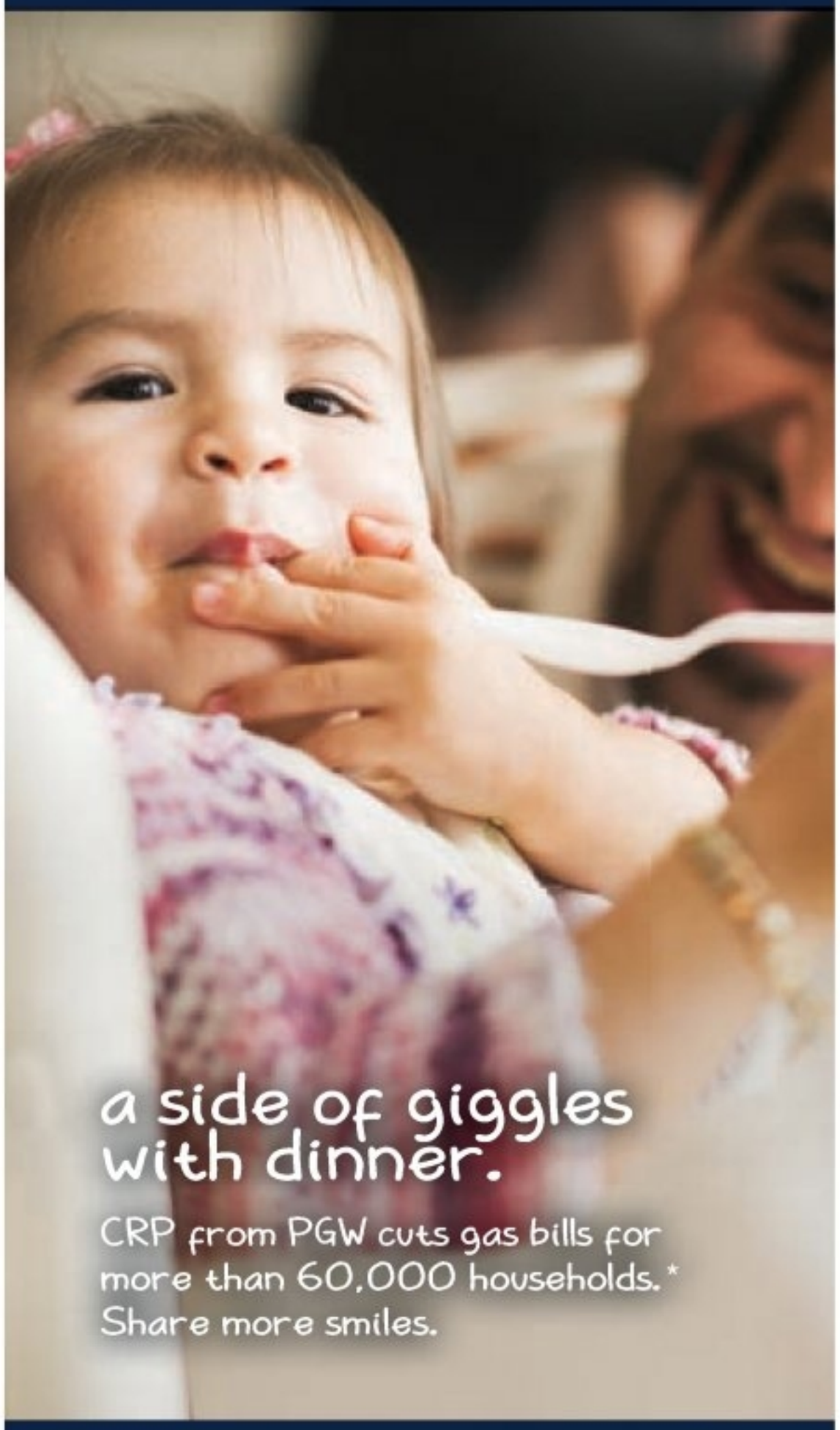

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Competitors climb the infamous "Wall" during the Philadelphia International Cycling Classic in Manayunk on June 7. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Barbero wins Int'l Cycling Classic in city

Hell on wheels.
Britain's Elizabeth Armitstead won the women's race.

Quoted

"We come down to the race every year. It's a tradition for us."
Jordan, Scranton Wilkes-Barre

Carlos Barbero Cuesta won the grueling Philadelphia International Cycling Classic Sunday, crossing the finish line with a time of 3:54:11.

Barbero Cuesta, wearing bib 151 and racing for Caja Rural-Seguros RGA, beat out Michael Woods by one second in a photo finish.

Barbero Cuesta's Caja Rural teammate, Amets Txurruka, finished fourth, six seconds off the winning time. The Philadelphia International Cycling Classic is one of the longest single-day races in the U.S. and boasts the famously brutal Manayunk Wall, a steep hill in North Philly.

Elizabeth Armitstead won the women's race with a time of 2:58:01.

In 1993, Lance Armstrong started his professional career in the race, taking home the title.

Cyclist enthusiasts lined the road, cheering their favorites on. In Manayunk, decks were filled and people spilled out from bars to the beautiful sunshine.

"We come down to the race every year. It's a tradition for us," said Jordan from Scranton Wilkes-Barre with a half cup of beer in his hand. "We make the drive down on Saturday and stay at our friends. It's worth calling out of work the next day."

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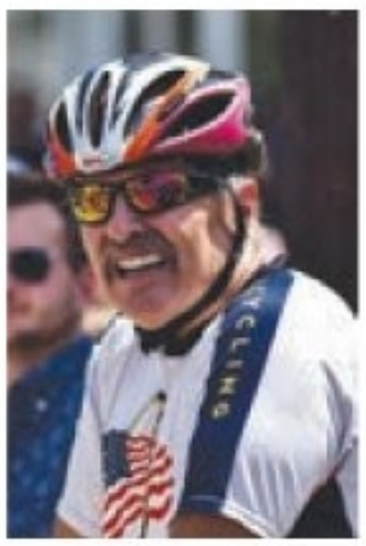
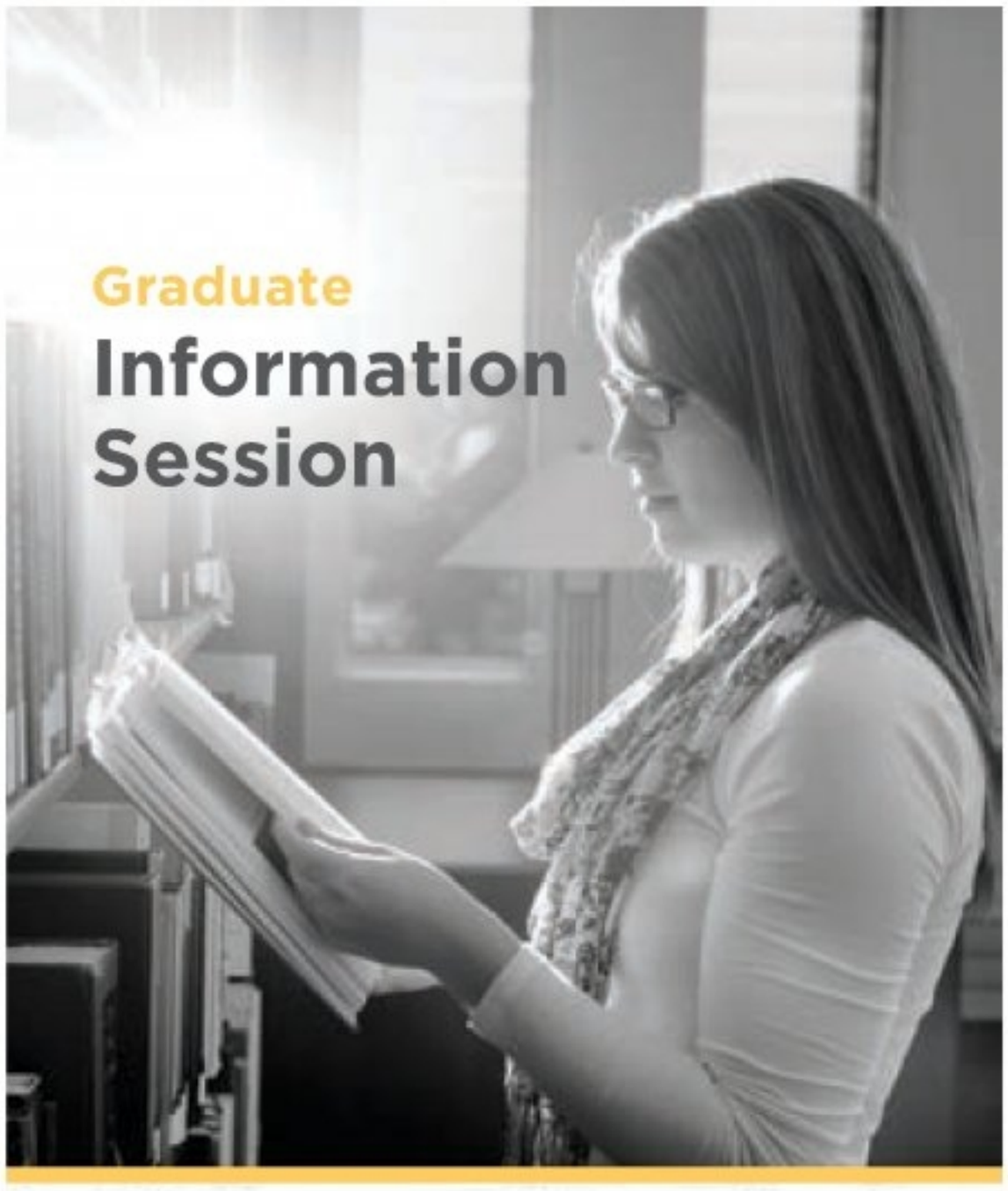


The winner of the men's race, Carlos Barbero Cuesta of the Spanish Caja Rural-Seguros team, celebrates after winning the Philadelphia International Cycling Classic.



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US soccer fans pack Fadó in Center City to watch the World Cup match between the USA and Belgium.

Red, white and blue-bedecked soccer fans cheer the USA in Cup match against Belgium. / FILE PHOTOS

Where to watch the Women's World Cup

Soccer. The U.S. women's team has a good shot at winning the World Cup.

Hey, soccer fans! We know it's really hard to divert your attention from the ongoing scandal embroiling FIFA. But guess what? There are actual games being played. Right now! By some of the best athletes in the sport.

It's the FIFA Women's World Cup. Sure, the prize money is a fraction — about 2 percent — of that offered to men but, hey, at least it's soccer. And with 24 teams in the tournament, this year is the biggest yet. And unlike the men's world cup, the U.S. team has a chance of winning this thing.

The action kicked off over the weekend with host country Canada besting China and Netherlands beating New Zealand.

On Monday, the U.S. team has its first game of the tournament when it plays Australia at 7:30 p.m. ET.

For those who don't have Fox Sports 1 or Fox Sports 2, the channel that will show most of the tournament in the U.S., here's a list of bars that are known by soccer fans to show games.

Venues

Fadó Irish Pub — 1500 Locust St. — This bar is an official U.S. Soccer bar, and they've got a big banner on their website saying they'll be showing the women's tournament.

The 700 — 700 N. 2nd St. — This Northern Liberties spot has a solid beer menu and an upstairs lounge. They also have a deep love for the beautiful game.

Misconduct Tavern — 1511 Locust St. — It's a nautical-themed bar with creative food and a good drinks list. They've made lots of "good burger" lists.

Liberty Bar and Grille — 2204 Market St. — It's another official U.S. Soccer bar, the only other one in Philly. Inexpensive drinks and bar food, the type of place where one drink leads to two.

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Manhunt. Gov. Cuomo offered the reward, but said the men are dangerous and should not be approached.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a $100,000 reward on Sunday for information leading to the capture of two convicted killers who escaped from an upstate maximum security prison.

He told reporters that though it is unusual, the state would offer $50,000 per prisoner for useful information.

"We feel that it is appropriate," Cuomo said.

The governor stressed, however, that the men are dangerous and should not be approached.

"These are killers. They are murderers. They are now on the loose," he said during a press conference.

The two men — Richard Matt, 48, and David Sweat, 34 — escaped at some point early Saturday morning from the maximum security section of a prison, the Clinton Correction Facility in Dannemora in upstate New York.

Their absence was noticed during a bed check of prisoners at 5.30 a.m. Though guards routinely patrol the cells every two hours, Matt and Sweat used sweatshirts to create decoys, which deceived the guards until the bed check.

They drilled through steel walls and pipes, scaled a six-foot-high wall and then emerged outside the facility's 30-foot external wall via a manhole.

Authorities said they were still investigating how the inmates were able to access the power tools they needed to execute their plan.

"It was elaborate. It was sophisticated. It encompassed drilling through steel walls and steel pipes. So this was not easily accomplished. The Commissioner of Corrections is going to undertake a full investigation," the governor said.

After their escape was discovered, the prison was placed on lockdown. More than 200 law enforcement officers are on the hunt for the men, including canine officers and helicopters.

Sweat was serving a life sentence on one count of first-degree murder after killing a Broome County Sheriff's Deputy on July 4, 2002.

Matt was serving a sentence of 25 years to life after being convicted on three counts of murder, three counts of kidnapping and two counts of robbery.

"Anyone in the Dannemora area should contact the New York State Police if they saw or heard anything early this morning, or find that they have a vehicle that is unaccounted for," said Maj. Charles E. Guess of the New York State Police, in a statement.

Officials said Matt is a 6-foot-tall white male, about 210 pounds, with black hair and hazel eyes. He has a tattoo on his back that reads "Mexico Forever," a tattoo of a heart on his chest and left shoulder, and a Marine Corps insignia on his right shoulder.

Sweat is 5 feet 11 inches tall, about 165 pounds and has brown hair and green eyes. He has unspecified tattoos on his left bicep and right hand.

Troopers said anyone with information should call 911 or the New York State Police immediately at (518) 563-3761.

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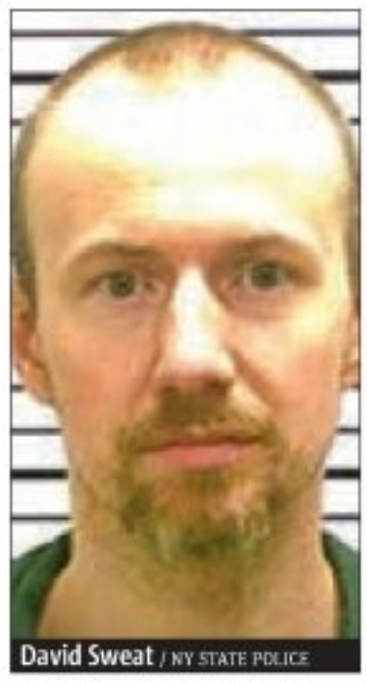
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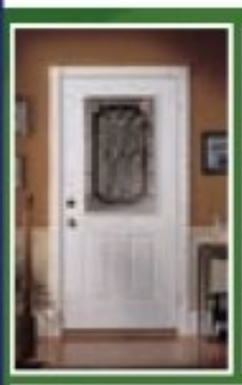

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1 China cruise ship death toll exceeds 400

Chinese officials, rescuers and family members gathered in mourning on Sunday for those lost on a cruise ship that capsized during a storm in the Yangtze River, as the death toll from the disaster reached 431, with 11 still missing.

Only 14 survivors, one of them the captain, have been found after the ship carrying 456 overturned in a freak tornado on Monday night in Jianli in Hubei province. Most of the passengers were elderly tourists.

The four-story ship was righted and raised on Friday, allowing rescuers onto to it to clear away debris, break down cabin doors and look for bodies. The river is being swept to as far away as Shanghai looking for the missing.

Government spokesman Hu Kaihong told reporters that DNA tests were being carried out to identify the bodies.

Sunday marks seven days since the Eastern Star went down, and according to Chinese tradition this is a key date on which to mourn the dead. **REUTERS**

The raised Chinese cruise ship. / GETTY IMAGES

2 Data breaches offer treasure trove for hackers

A massive breach of U.S. federal computer networks disclosed this week is the latest in a flood of attacks by suspected Chinese hackers aimed at grabbing personal data, industrial secrets and weapons plans from government and private computers.

The Obama administration disclosed the breach of computer systems at the Office of Personnel Management and said the records of up to 4 million current and former federal employees may have been compromised.

U.S. officials have said on condition of anonymity that they believe the hackers are based in China. **REUTERS**

3 Fan struck by bat at Red Sox game remains in serious condition

A woman who was struck in the head by a shattered baseball bat at a Red Sox game in Fenway Park on Friday remains in a serious condition.

Tonya Carpenter was sitting in the second row of Boston's home game when the broken bat flew into the stands during the second inning and hit her.

Blood streamed down Carpenter's face as an emergency team wheeled her away on a gurney. **REUTERS**

4 British warship launches rescue of at least 500 migrants in Mediterranean

A British warship in the Mediterranean launched a mission to rescue at least 500 migrants on Sunday, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

The MOD said a helicopter had identified four migrant vessels in distress.

"HMS Bulwark has now commenced rescue operations to recover those in the vessels," the statement said.

On Saturday, more than 2,000 migrants were rescued from five wooden boats in the Mediterranean Sea. **REUTERS**

5 G7 leaders urge tough line on Russia

Leaders from the Group of Seven industrial nations backed a tough line toward Moscow at the start of a summit in the Bavarian Alps, with U.S. President Barack Obama urging the gathering to stand up to Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Host Angela Merkel greeted Obama in the idyllic Alpine village of Kruen under blue skies, surrounded by locals in traditional dress, drinking beer and eating white sausage and pretzels. **REUTERS**

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Hasaka city

Syrian army regains ground against ISIS

The Syrian army said on Sunday it had repulsed a major offensive by Islamic State militants in the northeastern city of Hasaka and driven out fighters who had taken over key installations on the southern edge of the city.

The northeastern corner of Syria is strategically important because it links areas controlled by Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. Syrian Kurds have also sought to expand their territorial control over a region stretching from Kobani to Qamishili that they see as part of a future Kurdish state.

The militants, approaching from their stronghold city of Shadadi, south of Hasaka, made lightening advances this week after conducting around a dozen suicide attacks using explosives-laden trucks at army checkpoints in the city.

But Syrian state television, quoting an army source, said in a news flash they had taken back an electricity station, a juvenile prison and two villages almost two kilometers (about one mile) south of the city that had been occupied by militants.

The army announced later that the Syrian air force had bombed militant posts in a string of villages south of Hasaka, including Tel Fawaz, Mishrafa, Makhroum, Tel Baroud and Um Madfaa, which it said had killed "tens of terrorists and destroyed their vehicles". REUTERS

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Sepp Blatter and Russia's President Vladimir Putin. / GETTY IMAGES

Russia, Qatar might lose their World Cups: paper

2018 and 2022. Russia and Qatar have denied wrongdoing in the conduct of the bids.

Russia and Qatar could be stripped of their World Cup hosting rights if evidence emerges of bribery in the bidding process, Domenico Scala, the independent chairman of FIFA's audit and compliance committee, told a Swiss newspaper.

The FBI's investigation of bribery and corruption at FIFA includes scrutiny of how soccer's governing body awarded World Cup hosting rights to Russia and Qatar, a U.S. law enforcement official told Reuters this week.

"This evidence has not yet been brought forth."

Scala made similar comments in 2013 but events over the last two weeks, which included a dawn police raid in Zurich and the arrests of several FIFA officials on U.S. charges, have added urgency to his remarks.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said he supported Qatar hosting the 2022 tournament, but added that Britain would work with another country if FIFA re-opened the bidding process.

"We would offer our support to any country that has been chosen to host the World Cup," Hammond told BBC World Service radio, saying the final decision would be for FIFA to make. He ruled out any British bid to host the 2022 competition if Qatar was stripped of hosting rights.

Sepp Blatter unexpectedly announced on Tuesday he was resigning, just four days after securing a fifth term as FIFA president and shortly before it emerged that he too was under investigation by U.S. law enforcement. REUTERS

Quoted

"If evidence should emerge that the awards to Qatar and Russia only came about thanks to bought votes, then the awards could be invalidated."

Scala told SonntagsZeitung in an interview published on Sunday.

Fifth death. South Korea to track cellphones to prevent MERS spread

A group of students wearing face masks pose for a "selfie" as they sit on a street in the popular student area of Hongdae in Seoul, South Korea. / GETTY IMAGES

South Korean authorities will track the cellphones of hundreds of people under quarantine to prevent the spread of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and reported a fifth death in the outbreak, with the number of infections rising to 64.

The government, criticized over its lack of transparency in handling the outbreak, bowed to public pressure on Sunday and identified 24 health facilities where infections took place or MERS patients visited.

It reported 14 confirmed new cases of MERS, adding to the largest number outside of the Middle East.

"Please understand this is an unavoidable measure for the sake of our neighbors and families," Deputy Prime Minister Choi Kyung-hwan told reporters at a news briefing in the central city of Sejong, where he announced a plan to track the mobile phones of people under quarantine to ensure they stay at home.

More than 2,300 people in South Korea were under quarantine as of Sunday, some in health care facilities but most at home, including an entire village of about 105 people in the southwest after a resident who visited a hospital where the country's first patient with MERS was treated turned out to be infected.

Late last month, a South Korean man broke a voluntary house quarantine and flew to Hong Kong and then traveled to mainland China, where he tested positive for MERS.

South Korea's outbreak of the often-deadly MERS virus, first reported on May 20, has prompted fear and the closure last week of more than 1,000 schools, with thousands of tourists canceling plans to visit the country.

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"We can absolutely control this because all MERS cases in our country are infections in health facilities, not spreading into communities."

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@mindykaling: I like how much Vince visits Ari at work, it's sweet

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You did this to yourselves, America. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Oh snap! Diplo and Zedd in EDM smack-talk throw-down!

Apparently EDM superstar DJs — sorry, "producers" — are great at being gossipy little sass-buckets. Diplo — whom you may remember from allegedly dating Katy Perry just long enough to make John Mayer jealous — has some thoughts apparently about the love life of twink-y elf prince Zedd. "I'm actually not enemies with Zedd by any means. I just think that he came from such a cool place, and now he's been pegged as a money-maker for a major label to do EDM, which to me isn't even a genre," Diplo tells Radio.com. "They've marketed him, even the fake relationship with Selena Gomez, all the things to sell records took away from the music." Yeah, man, how dare you try to make laptop-fueled club music for Las Vegas bachelorette parties about making money? And seriously, Ms. Gomez, how many fake relationships can one girl have?

Prince Harry has been knighted

That's Sir Prince Harry to you, buddy. The spare heir received a new honor from grandma Queen Elizabeth II this weekend, having the title Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order bestowed upon him in a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Now, I'm not claiming there's any nepotism at work here, but it does seem a little suspicious. Also, I can't hear terms like "Knight Commander" anymore without immediately thinking of "Game of Thrones," so I can only imagine there's a lot of nudity and violence in Harry's future.

Appearing knightly.

Keira Knightley had a girl

Erstwhile "Pirates of the Caribbean" star Keira Knightley became a mom last month for the first time, welcoming a baby with rock star husband James Righton. And while the new parents have been keeping quiet since then, reports are coming out now claiming that they had a baby girl — which is great news for Knightley, who previously talked about finding the prospect of having a son to be "terrifying," to put it mildly. "Somebody said to me the other day, the problem with boys is — sorry, this is horrible — but when you're changing their nappies, you can get the wee in your face," she told Ellen DeGeneres back in February. "And apparently they roll as well, so you have to try to stop them while you're trying to grab something else in order to stop them peeing in your face. So that sounds quite interesting." That's one way to put it.

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Songify Shia LaBeouf? Yes.

Did you think there was no way to make Shia LaBeouf's bizarre inspirational rant any more ridiculous? Well, you were very, very wrong. Adorable Internet prankster Schmoyoho (of "Autotune the News" fame) turned the unhinged actor's work into an epic pop music video, and you know what? It's ridiculously catchy.

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Amber Rose wrote a book?

Amber Rose is releasing a self-help book this fall called "How to Be a Bad Bitch," because this is the world we live in now. And to drum up excitement for what's sure to be a best-seller, Rose posted the cover to Instagram. And it is a doozy: A nearly naked, gold-tinted Rose stands upon a rocky shore with a bow and arrow, a slain golden man laying at her feet. I didn't realize how much of her success was down to a love for Tarsem's ridiculous "Immortals" film, but there you go.

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‘Three Christs’ walk into a psychiatrist’s office

Theater. Seth Rozin’s new play at InterAct is the third in an “unintentional trilogy” about faith.

Dan Hodge and Leah Walton are in “The Three Christs of Manhattan,” at the Adrienne (2030 Sansom St.) through June 21. / PLATE 3 PHOTOGRAPHY

The premise of Seth Rozin’s new play sounds like the setup to a joke: “Three Christs walk into a psychiatrist’s office…” At the outset of the play, that’s exactly what it is. But Rozin, who is directing the world premiere of his new play, says that “The Three Christs of Manhattan” takes some more serious turns as the evening progresses.

“It’s a comedy, first and foremost,” Rozin says. “But it evolves from feeling somewhat like an ‘SNL’ sketch into a more provocative comedy of ideas by the end.”

In “The Three Christs of Manhattan,” from InterAct Theatre Company, a neurotic, atheist Jewish psychiatrist is visited by three patients, all of whom believe they’re Jesus Christ. The first is a traditional robe-and-sandal-clad Jesus preaching kindness and forgiveness. The second is a dreadlocked African-American activist Christ. The third Rozin prefers to leave as a surprise for the audience but is related more directly to modern attitudes.

The play will wrap up a full season of world premieres for InterAct. It also brings to a close an “unintentional trilogy” for Rozin, InterAct’s producing artistic director, who has penned three plays confronting faith and religion over the last 18 years. First came “Missing Link” in 2002, about parents dealing with the loss of a child in a plane crash; that was followed by another punchline-ready title, “Two Jews Walk Into a War…,” in 2009. “All three plays deal with the relationship of faith to the circumstances that one finds oneself in,” Rozin says. “Most of my plays start with a question, and I write the play to try to answer the question. I’m an atheist Jew myself, so I was interested in questions about what would give me faith in something that I didn’t believe in. If someone could actually do a miracle in front of me, do something that absolutely had to be supernatural, would I believe suddenly in that power?”

A new home

The Drake

The production also marks a more permanent ending, in this case InterAct’s 18-year residency at the Adrienne theater. The company’s 2015/2016 season will open in the fall at its new home at The Drake. Embarking on this final show on the Adrienne stage, Rozin admits to mixed emotions.

“We’re excited for our new home, and it’s hard not to be thinking about everything that’s going to be in some ways better,” he says. “But at the same time, we’ve spent 18 years of our lives here, and there are some things that are feeling a little nostalgic. There’s something that tugs on you a little bit.”

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Kristin Chenoweth and Alan Cumming were great and all, but they're no Neil Patrick Harris or Hugh Jackman. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Stars don't shine quite so bright

Awards. Broadway went with lower-wattage co-hosts for this year's Tonys.

This might have been the highest-grossing year for Broadway. But despite having two hosts take on the Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall, or perhaps because of them, it actually felt like a smaller awards show than usual. Neither Kristin Chenoweth nor Alan Cumming were able to shine the way that former hosts like Neil Patrick Harris and Hugh Jackman usually do. Why two hosts, anyway? They explained that it was such a big year that it "requires a man and a woman" (Cumming: "I can relate").

In that vein, the duo stuck to mild banter, mocking each other's shows: "This is the last time I'll sing this," Cumming said about the opening strains of "Willkom-

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Christian Borle accepting his Tony for "Something Rotten."

Annaleigh Ashford won for "You Can't Take It With You."

men" from "Cabaret," while Chenoweth flatly stated "shut up" when her partner tried to make a joke about the lasting "popularity" of "Wicked." They quickly stepped aside for the opening number, which was "A Musical" from "Something Rotten." Unusually, neither host participated in the song and dance. In addition to hosting, Chenoweth was nominated for her leading role in a musical for "On the Twentieth Century," which also brought her to the stage last night to perform.

It also felt like a quiet year because there were no upsets, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. Front-runner and fan favorite "Fun Home" had already taken away three wins, out of a leading 12 nominations, as of press time.

Major awards included Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Play (Helen Mirren, "The Audience"); Best Original Score (Jeanine Tesori and Lisa Kron, "Fun Home"); Best Actor in a Featured Role in a Play (Richard McCabe, "The Audience"); Best Book for a Musical (Lisa Kron, "Fun Home"); Best Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical (Christian Borle, "Something Rotten"); Best Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical (Annaleigh Ashford, "You Can't Take It With You"); and Best Direction of a Musical (Sam Gold, "Fun Home").

Aside from "Something Rotten" and "On the Twentieth Century," performances for the evening included numbers from "The King and I," "On the Town" and "Gigi." The most highly anticipated is the intimate and emotional solo "Ring of Keys," from "Fun Home," starring 11–year-old Sydney Lucas, who was herself nominated for Best Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical.

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The battling Brian Wilsons

Beach Boy. Two actors took on the same role in "Love and Mercy."

The new Brian Wilson biopic "Love and Mercy" chronicles two distinct sections of the famous Beach Boy's life: when he recorded the groundbreaking "Pet Sounds" album in the 1960s and when he met his eventual wife, Melinda, in the 1980s. But instead of saddling one actor with both eras — not to mention old-age makeup — director Bill Pohlad split up the work between Paul Dano for the younger sections and John Cusack for the older.

You would think that two actors tasked with bringing the same character to life in a film would spend a lot of time collaborating beforehand to align their performances. You would be wrong.

"John and I never talked about finding our characters," Dano explains. "We just met on set when he was finishing, and I was starting. We both found that Brian is his music, and that's where that spirit comes from. That's where a lot of his light is, so it all seems to keep circling back to the music. For someone as honest and raw as Brian is, to go for any sort of mimicry felt like the opposite of what we all wanted."

Cusack concurs that the tunes were the real key to embodying Wilson. "I wanted to hang out with Brian as much as I could, but I just went to his music and dove in," Cusack says. "I listened to everything. I'm in the total immersion school. If you make 'Amadeus,' you know you've got a really good soundtrack because it's going to be Mozart. If you're making 'Love and Mercy,' you have the Mozart of rock and roll."

If anything, Cusack thinks he might have had it much easier than Dano, at least as far as how scrutinized their performances might be. "The period that I played in Brian's life was much less public than the period Paul played," Cusack explains. "He had sort of removed himself from public life, so there

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Paul Dano, above, plays the young Brian Wilson, and John Cusack, inset, plays the older one. / FRANCOIS DUHAMEL

wasn't as much information or knowledge of him in that era. There were a lot of legends and superstitions about it, and there was more lore than fact."

To sort through all that mythmaking, Cusack went right to the source. "Brian and Melinda were nice enough to talk to me and let me ask questions because they wanted it to be factual and accurate. I met with Brian, and I saw how he intuits and feels people — just gets the vibes on people. That was very helpful. I hope I wasn't an unwelcome houseguest," he says. "And then I just dug into 'Smile' and the 'Pet Sounds' sessions. My own opinion is you can hear everything about Brian in his music. If you just listen carefully, it's all there."

At the end of the day, though, there was one person they were hoping to please: Wilson himself, notoriously reclusive but involved with the project from early on. "I thought it was a very good idea, very good decision that we made," Wilson says. "First of all, Bill and John and Paul are geniuses. Absolute geniuses. I've been called a genius myself" — he offers an embarrassed laugh here — "but no, it was a lot of fun. I was very glad to meet these guys."

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Is your festival outfit racist?

Selena Gomez wearing a bindi during a performance / GETTY IMAGES

Faux pas. From bindis to baby hairs, cultural appropriation is the new black, but is there a way to pay homage without offending?

It's music festival season, which means you can expect to see lots of Instagrams of celebs and models wearing all sorts of controversial, culturally inappropriate accessories like Native American headdresses, South Asian bindis and geisha-inspired kimonos.

And no matter how much backlash they face, consumers — and designers — can't seem to stop stealing from other cultures.

Indeed, "appropriation" seems to have reached a fever pitch in fashion: baby hairs on the Givenchy and DKNY runways, "squaw" (!) fashion at Dsquared2, an exact replica of a traditional Oaxacan blouse by French designer Isabel Marant. Even the Metropolitan Museum's Costume In-

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stitute broaches the subject in its current exhibition, "China: Through the Looking Glass," about the ways in which Western couturiers have appropriated, remixed and reimagined Chinese imagery for over a century.

"It's been going on for a long time," says historian Valerie Steele, director of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "But while the feeling that it's a rather problematic phenomenon has existed among scholars, it's been slow to filter down to the fashion world."

That's partly because fashion has long couched such practices in terms like "multiculturalism" or even "postmodernism." Indeed, wearing a garment derived from another culture once signified one's sophistication and open-mindedness.

Yet, says Steele, "it's too easy to say that it was always celebratory — particularly when referenced in racist language or done in a way that reinforces cultural stereotypes." Think Yves Saint Laurent's Orient-fetishizing "Opium" perfume, or the horrifyingly named "coolie" hats inspired by Chinese fieldworkers or Givenchy's so-called "Victorian chola" girls today.

But even without racist language — and even with the best of intentions — cultural thievery can still be harmful, whether economically, socially or spiritually. "Many South African designers, for example, are resentful that European designers have appropriated their designs and textiles and then lumped a variety of different, distinct cultures together under one name," says Steele. Native Americans have also been very vocal about designers misrepresenting their culture — calling all manner of vaguely Southwestern prints "Navajo," for instance. And Australian Aborigines have spoken out about designers blithely using certain patterns that are sacred or that hold special meaning — similar to the bindi in Hinduism.

The main difference between cultural appropriation then vs. now? The Internet has made it much easier for those who feel their culture and traditions threatened to speak out. And, rather than preventing consumers from engaging with another culture's sartorial customs, it actually allows them to do so in a way that's empowering and sensitive.

"If you're a white person, but you really love African kente cloth, do the research," says Steele. "Ask your African-American friends, 'Will you be offended if I wore this?'" Steele also suggests finding brands that employ — and provide a living wage to — traditional craftsmen in other countries.

"Talk to people," says Steele. "If you are open and curious and say, 'I admire this. I like it. How can I wear it?' then people respond to you."

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Khloe Kardashian attends niece North West's "Kidchella" party.
KHLOE KARDASHIAN, INSTAGRAM

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How to gadget-proof your commute

Kevin Lieber's got the answers to your dreaded morning commute.
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Ten times a week, most of us are plagued by the ritual of germs, noise, dead batteries and scalding hot coffee referred to as "commuting." But there's a better way, with the help of some futuristic technologies available right now that can help ease your daily suffering.

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Coffee, that lifeblood of working warriors, is brewed at about 200 degrees, but it isn't sippable until about 140 degrees. You can keep your commuting fuel at the optimum temperature with the **Temperfect coffee mug** ($35-$45). It brings searing hot brew to a drinkable temperature in two minutes using phase-change materials on the inside that absorb heat from the stainless steel outside. The insulation then slowly releases the heat back into the drink to keep the temperature perfect.

Public transportation is not a model of hygiene, but you can hold the handles without fear thanks to the **Germinator Transit Jacket** ($248). The removable sleeve cuffs, which have thumbholes, are made of silver-infused anti-microbial fabric that protects your hands, and an extra long collar shield helps hide your mouth when another passenger is coughing.

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Next-level networking

Sometimes online relationships can pay off IRL. "I have this guy who is based in New Zealand who I engaged with quite often over the past six years on Twitter," says Licht. "Just last year, he reached out to me and said, 'I would love to get an internship.' I was like, 'Oh my God, yeah!' I totally knew the minute I saw the email and his Twitter handle who he was." She hired him.

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HOW TO GET AHEAD

How to land a job through Twitter

DKNY PR Girl gives her tips on rocking social media.

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Can Twitter or Instagram help you land your dream job? According to Aliza Licht, senior vice president of global communications for Donna Karan, it can not only help, it can make — or break — your career (seriously, don't complain about your job on social, people).

Licht should know. She is the superstar force behind DKNY PR Girl, the online personality who reinvented social media for fashion brands, businesses and the people who want to work for them. To her, Twitter may be the world's "biggest cocktail party," but it's no joke.

"Social is like your online résumé," Licht says. "Employers are checking it before they even meet you for an interview, and it's a great way to pave the road for yourself."

So how to make sure your social media presence exudes personality while maintaining professionalism and poise? We asked Licht — who has just written a killer career-advice book, "Leave Your Mark: Land Your Dream Job. Kill It in Your Career. Rock Social Media." — for her tips.

Have a polished profile pic

Real talk: No one wants to hire an egg. (That's the default Twitter profile image.) "Your picture should reflect whatever it is that you want people to think about you," says Licht, "and if you're an egg on Twitter ... that's not exactly putting your best foot forward." Licht's recommendation? A professional-looking portrait. "It's really important for people who want to move up the ladder to have that headshot at the ready," she says. "Why not use it for social media, too? It makes you appear established, even if you're not."

Follow your industry's superstars

Before you start firing your 140-character missiles, you'll want to do your research. "Think about your goal — is it to launch a new business or project [or] is it to get a job? — and then follow people who do what you want to do or who work where you want to work," advises Licht. "I started my @LEAVEYOURMARKxo Twitter handle way before the book came out, so I could follow book reviewers and editors and educate myself on the publishing world. You learn so much by observing."

Experiment

Even if you have a clear idea of what you want to get out of social media, nailing the right voice can be tricky. But, even after studying the habits of other social media superstars, the only way you'll really learn how to tweet (or 'gram or "tumble") is by doing it. "You'll start to see, 'Oh, they really like when I talk about X,' or, 'When I posted about Y, it was like a tumbleweed going by,'" Licht says. "You'll start to see what people are interested in and give them more of what they want."

Don't be shy

"The great thing about Twitter is you can speak to anyone — there is no hierarchy," says Licht. So, why not reach out to or engage with your heroes and dream employers? "It's not necessarily about contacting them every day, but once in a while, you can retweet something, compliment something. Make your presence known, but in a way that isn't like stalking."

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- 41 percent are proficient in a language other than English
- 78 percent expect to attend grad school

New survey delves into the career and education goals of tomorrow's leaders.

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The National Society of High School Scholars has released its annual millennial career survey. (Spoiler alert: Kids these days — they want to work at Google.)

Now in its eighth year, the survey, conducted by Hanover Research, polls more than 18,000 high school students, college students and young professionals about their career and education goals.

"We have a group of diverse scholars — students who are high achievers, who want to excel in life," says NSHSS President James Lewis. "We thought by measuring their attitudes and goals, we could help companies who want to attract this generation but may not understand how to do so."

So, what do millennials want? More science and tech jobs, for one. Students ranked Google as their No. 1 choice of employer, while Apple, Microsoft and various hospitals, such as Saint Jude's, made the top 10.

"There's been a big push in the educational system and the media in terms of science, technology and engineering careers," says Beth Pann, vice president of NSHSS. "And kids are listening. Not just because these careers pay well, but because they want to make a difference too."

But if millennials are increasingly plugged in, they're also far more worldly and multicultural than their forebears. "Forty-one percent are fluent in a language other than English," marvels Lewis. "While immigration is a big reason [for this], I think it also speaks to the fact that a lot of these young scholars are looking at the entire globe as their workplace."

"The world is changing and becoming a smaller place," Lewis adds. "Millennials are more exposed to people of different backgrounds. To them, diversity is not just about ethnicity and cultures but also experiences and expectations. They don't see as many barriers. And that is so cool."

Dream companies

- Google
- Walt Disney
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Dream fields

- Medicine/Health (40 percent)
- Science (28 percent)
- Technology/Engineering (21 percent)

What they want in a job

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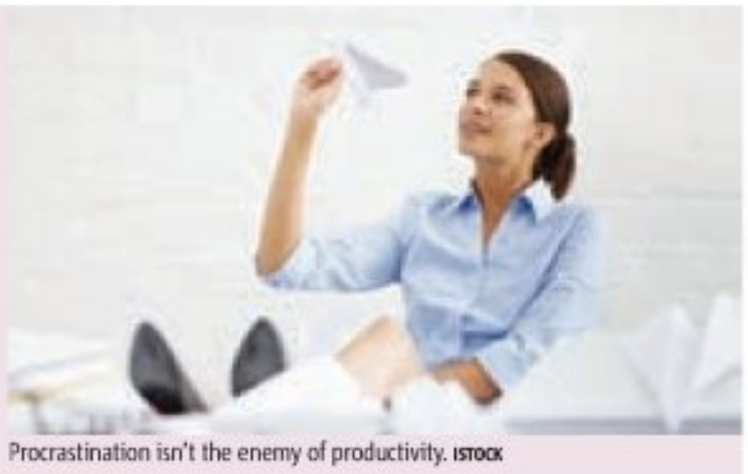
- Work/life balance (68 percent)
- International experience (50 percent)

How to avoid procrastination



Procrastination isn't the enemy of productivity. ISTOCK

Procrastination is often seen as the enemy of productivity. But you know what? It's time to stop viewing it as a negative thing.

In fact, once you understand what procrastination really is, you'll begin to see it in a more positive light — and have a healthier relationship with your productivity.

First, procrastination isn't a sign of laziness. It's often a self-defense strategy for people who are afraid of failure or disappointment. Think about what you're putting off, and chances are it's a huge, important project (or multiple projects), and you're overwhelmed.

Second, and more importantly, procrastination is your brain's way of telling you to take a break. If you're tired, whether physically or emotionally, you don't have the energy or motivation to start working or studying.

So next time you find yourself putting off that big paper, don't stress about the work you're not accomplishing. Reframe it as taking a breather, and follow these three tips.

Take a break

Only robots can work continuously without pause. So try working for 30 to 45 minutes straight and then taking a 10- to 15-minute break. Use a timer on your phone or computer to notify you when it's time to take a breather and when it's time to get back to work. If your task involves sitting at a desk staring at a screen, make sure your break involves no screen time and taking a short walk.

Write out a to-do list

If you're feeling overwhelmed, it's because everything you need to do is cluttering your brain. Clear your head by writing a to-do list. Put down everything, no matter how small or big. If you have a complex item, like "Write Canadian history essay," break it into smaller chunks: "Do initial research," "Finalize thesis," "Research for essay," "Outline essay" and "Draft essay." Then prioritize the items.

Give yourself deadlines

Write out a contract in which you specify each task and when it will be due —then sign it. This will confer a feeling of responsibility. Post this contract somewhere prominent, like over your desk. Over time, you will accumulate these contracts as evidence that you can accomplish what you set out to do.

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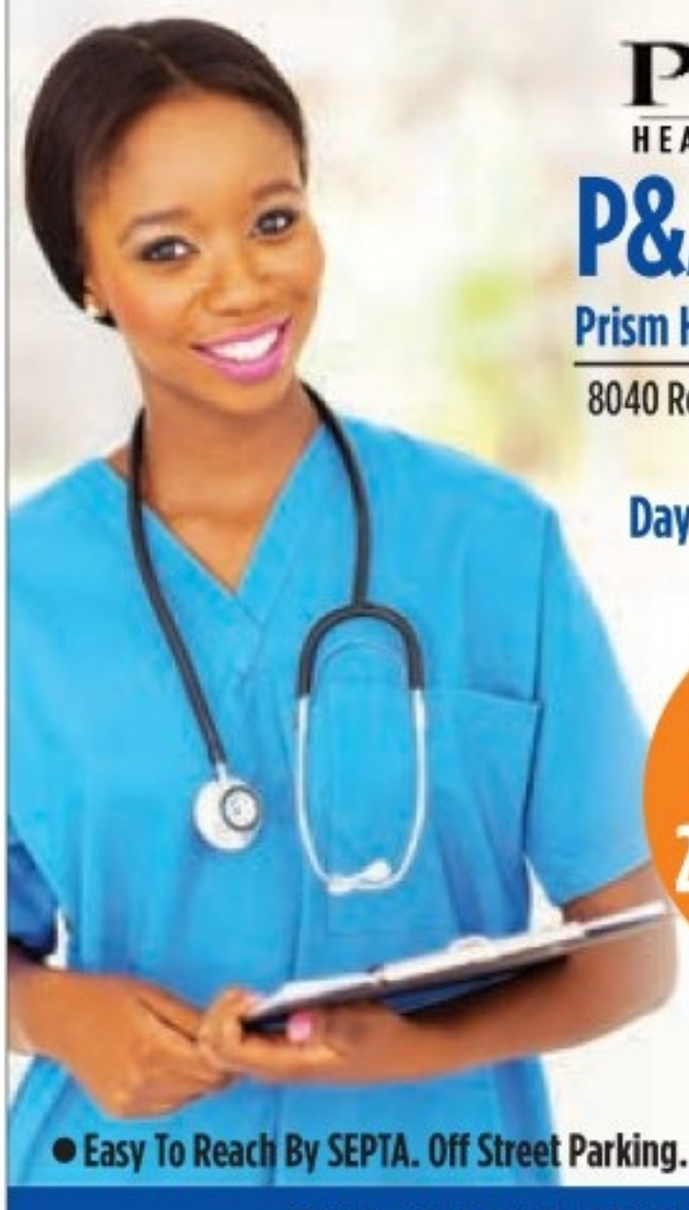

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Your intuition will lead to new ideas regarding your career path. Financial troubles will decrease as you develop additional means of income.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
A truthful dialogue will iron out any problems with someone you love. Keeping your feelings bottled up will lead to anxiety and unhappiness. Clear the air.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Swift action will enable you to take advantage of an opportunity. Convert an unconventional idea into a moneymaking enterprise.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
If you want to find a way to improve your work environment, you should bounce ideas off your peers.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Stubbornness will hold you back. You have to view both sides of every situation if you want to avoid an unnecessary dispute.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You have the ability to mellow even your most ruthless critic. Use your original ideas to gain allies.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Legal and financial responsibilities should take precedence over other matters. A loss is apparent if you fail to keep your records up to date. Cash will come from an unusual source.

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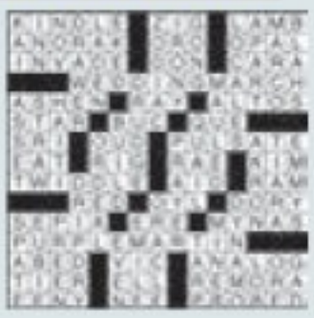

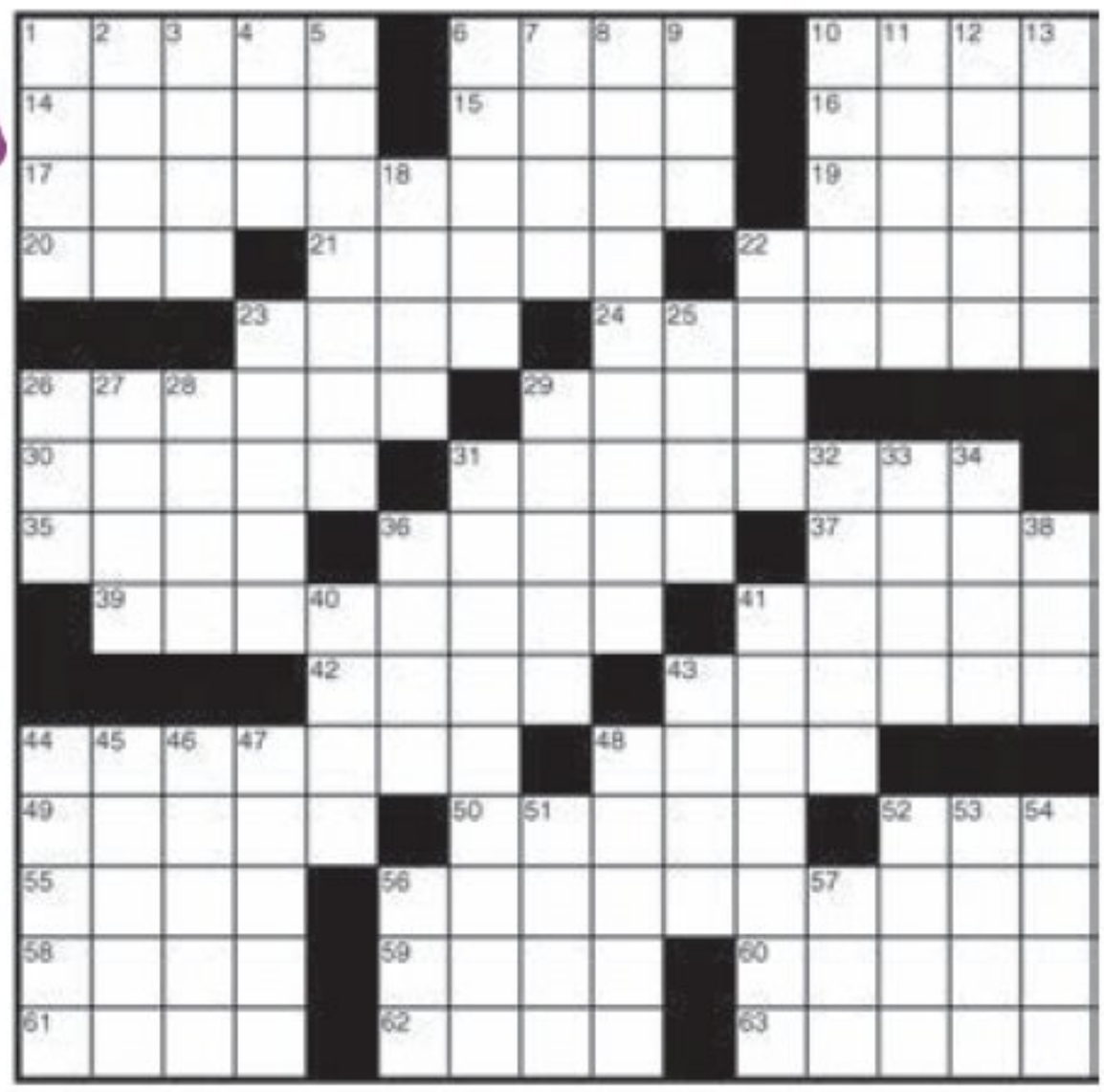

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3 US players to watch

World Cup. The Americans again have plenty of star power.

Hope Solo returns to occupy the net for the Americans once again. / GETTY IMAGES

In the previous six Women's World Cups, the U.S. has never finished worse than third place. However, the Americans — champions in 1991 and 1999 — have yet to win one this century. Brandi Chastain, in her iconic sports bra, isn't walking through that door. This summer in Canada appears to be the perfect time to end that drought, however, as the United States looks to avenge its heartbreaking loss in penalty kicks to Japan in the 2011 Final.

Here are three U.S. players to keep close tabs on:

1 Goalkeeper Hope Solo
For all of the well-chronicled chaos in her life off the field, Solo is still at the top of her game when she's in net. She is tall (5 feet 9 inches), extremely athletic and capable of many saves that are rarely seen in women's soccer. A key for her will be maintaining focus in each match since the U.S. typically dominates possession and doesn't give up too many scoring chances. Let's just hope that her toxic husband Jerramy Stevens (a former NFL tight end) doesn't make the trip to Canada. This is Solo's third World Cup.

2 Midfielder Megan Rapinoe
The U.S. is loaded at midfield: Lauren Holiday (wife of New Orleans Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday), Tobin Heath and Carli Lloyd are all excellent and capable of being stars in this tournament. But Megan Rapinoe is the best pure goal-scorer of the bunch. She was one of the breakout stars for the U.S. at the last World Cup (1 goal, 3 assists): She had the cross that Abby Wambach headed in for the famous tying goal against Brazil in the final seconds of their memorable quarterfinal match (eventually won by the U.S. in penalty kicks). Rapinoe is outstanding at free kicks as well, so she should be taking many of those for the U.S. in addition to the corner kicks.

3 Forward Abby Wambach
This is the fourth and likely final World Cup (she turned 35 on Tuesday) for the all-time leading goal scorer (182) in the history of women's soccer. Wambach is huge (5 feet 11 inches) and nearly impossible to defend, especially in the air. She is still very dominant, but the one thing that has eluded her in an otherwise legendary career is a World Cup title.

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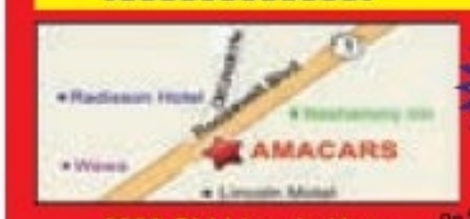

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The five best, five worst draft picks in Amaro era

It's no secret the Phillies minor leagues have been in dire shape at some points in recent years.

Mostly, the damage dates to the system being emptied in pursuit of players such as Cliff Lee, Roy Halladay and Hunter Pence, and to a frustrating inability to find success at the top of the MLB draft.

Following the 2008 World Series victory, General Manager Pat Gillick retired, and assistant Ruben Amaro Jr. took over.

Since Gillick departed in 2008, a Phillies first-round selection has yet to reach the majors.

That doesn't say a lot of good things about the organization's drafting, but it doesn't tell the whole story either. The team's most recent first-round selection could reach the majors by the end of this season, and there are several players taken in later rounds who have reached the big leagues.

On the eve of the 2015 MLB draft, here's a look at some of the best and worst selections of Amaro's tenure as the Phillies GM.

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Nola is close to making the Big Leagues. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

1 Aaron Nola, 2014 first round

The Phils' best pick since 2009 may just prove to be their most recent one. Nola, considered one of the most major league-ready prospects in the 2014 draft, has been flying through the minors and could reach the majors by the end of this season. At the moment, he's taking it to Double-A batters, with a 7-3 record, 1.76 era and just eight walks in 71.2 innings for Reading in 2015.

2 Ken Giles, 2011 seventh round

The Phils' current setup man was originally drafted by the team out of high school with their 44th selection in 2009. He chose to go to college instead, and the Phillies can be glad they followed through on the pick two years later. In two seasons understudying for Jonathan Papelbon in the majors, Giles has posted a 1.57 era and notched 87 strikeouts in just 69 innings pitched. If the Phillies do move Papelbon at the trade deadline, as often speculated, they can feel confident in the man replacing him.

3 J.P. Crawford, 2013 first round

The revitalization of the Phils' minor leagues started here. Crawford won the 2014 Paul Owens award as the best player in the Phillies minor league system after hitting .285 with 11 home runs and 24 steals throughout all levels. In 2015 he hit .392 for Clearwater in 21 games before being promoted to Double-A Reading, where he is hitting .267 through his first eight games.

4 Roman Quinn, 2011 second round

Quinn has really taken off in 2015, batting .300 with 25 stolen bases through just 53 games so far for Double-A Reading. In four seasons in the minors, the center fielder already has 119 career steals, and flashes the speed that could one day find him among the league leaders in that category. The Phillies moved Quinn to outfield in 2014, and it would certainly be a relief if he could add consistency to that position.

5 Cody Asche, 2011 fourth round

Fans were concerned when Asche, for the past few seasons an apparent part of the team's future at third base, was demoted to the minors to re-learn left field. Fears have been somewhat assuaged by Asche's swift return to the majors and by his replacement at third, Mikael Franco, with his knack for big moments. Now Asche, settled in left, can focus on improving his offense, as his numbers are down from 2014's .252 average, 10 HR and 46 RBI.

The worst

1 Larry Greene, 2011 first round: Greene, the first-round pick in a draft that saw Asche, Giles and Quinn obtained later, announced his retirement as spring training started this season. In three seasons in the minors, never progressing past Single-A Lakewood, Greene hit .224 and had eight career home runs, a far cry from the 19 he hit as a high school senior that prompted the Phillies to draft him.

2 Perci Garner, 2010 second round: Garner was just released by the Phillies this March, following five minor league seasons where he struggled mightily with walks, allowing 224 while striking out 306 in 398.1 innings of work. He has since signed with the Indians, his favorite childhood team.

3 Kyrell Hudson, 2009 third round: Hudson, another player from the era of picking high-ceiling, tool-laden high school prospects, had some encouraging moments. In 2011 he hit .275 and stole 28 bases for Single-A Williamsport. But that average dipped to .224 in Lakewood in 2012 and finally .202 in Clearwater in 2013 before Hudson was ultimately cut by the Phillies. He has not caught on anywhere else since.

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Phils, Giants took diverging paths following the 2010 NLCS

MLB. Since they met in the postseason five years ago, the Giants have won three titles and the Phillies have regressed substantially.

Quoted

"The Giants seem to have a good understanding of free agency and the market. I don't know if what happened to the Phillies surprises me. That team has gotten maybe a little bit older."

Giants relief pitcher Jeremy Affeldt

Ships passing in the night, the 2010 National League Championship Series was the turning point for both the Phillies and the San Francisco Giants,

Back then the Giants were frankly just thrilled to be there, facing a Phillies team on the verge of being the first National League team to make three straight World Series appearances since the 1942-44 Cardinals. Charlie Manuel's boys were in year four of a five-consecutive-year NL East run, seeing no reason it shouldn't continue indefinitely.

It did for one more season, before the team began to nosedive until reaching its current predicament. Meanwhile, not only did those upstart Giants win that series in six games, then beat the Rangers in five to win it all, they've gone on to take the Series two more times, most recently knocking off the Royals in seven last season.

What's enabled them to sustain their success while the Phils have declined?

Start with consistency at the top in manager Bruce Bochy and pitching, along with the willingness to make changes where needed.

"We have a good thing going and have had it going the last five years," said left-handed relief specialist Javier Lopez, one of six active Giants pitchers from 2010 still going strong. "We know each other's strengths and weaknesses from the starting staff down into the bullpen, and the coaching staff has stayed the same. Pitching, defense and timely hitting has kind of been our thing, particularly in the post-season. There's always a new person stepping up."

In 2010 that was Cody Ross, who slugged three homers and won the NLCS MVP. Former Phil Pat Burrell also played a key role, along with Freddy Sanchez, Aubrey Huff and Juan Uribe. By 2012 when they swept the Tigers to win it again, Huff was the only one still around, the rest replaced by a new cast featuring another former Phil, Hunter Pence, plus Pablo Sandoval and Angel Pagan.

Only catcher Buster Posey has been there from the start, along with all those pitchers, including 2014 Series hero Madison Bumgarner, Tim Lincicum and four relievers. In contrast, just four Phillies — Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Carlos Ruiz and Cole Hamels — have survived.

"In 2010 they had a good rotation and they still have good pitching," said Ruiz, before the start of a weekend series that saw the Giants take two of three (the Phillies won 6-4 Sunday to avoid a sweep). "They were able to put it together and win some games. It's amazing they could win three World Series. We were in the playoffs trying to win and then the next year when we had all those aces (adding Cliff Lee to the mix), we didn't get it done. That's something we have to put on the side now."

With then-starters Roy Halladay, Roy Oswalt and Joe Blanton, along with relievers Brad Lidge and Ryan Madson, long gone, Phillies pitching is now a shell of its former self. Meanwhile, the Giants, with all that continuity on the mound — especially in the bullpen, where Lopez, Jeremy Affeldt, Santiago Casilla and Sergio Romo have remained intact — have become a modern dynasty.

"We've got stability, especially with the relievers," said the just turned 36-year-old left-hander Affeldt, a starter early in his career. "When it's good why would you want to go anywhere else? ... We've got a good group of homegrown players. We have the pieces in place to be a good team long after I'm gone, while Philadelphia is going through a cycle."

Perhaps what's happened here should serve as a cautionary tale to teams who sentimentally hang onto their stars too long.

"At some point you do have to make some changes via free agency or whatever," said Bochy, whose club was at the White House Thursday to meet with President Obama for the third time in five years. "We pretty much kept our core guys in the bullpen and our core pitching and made a couple of tweaks."

The results have been apparent since 2010. That's when the Giants first announced themselves, while the Phillies began to show the first chinks in their armor.

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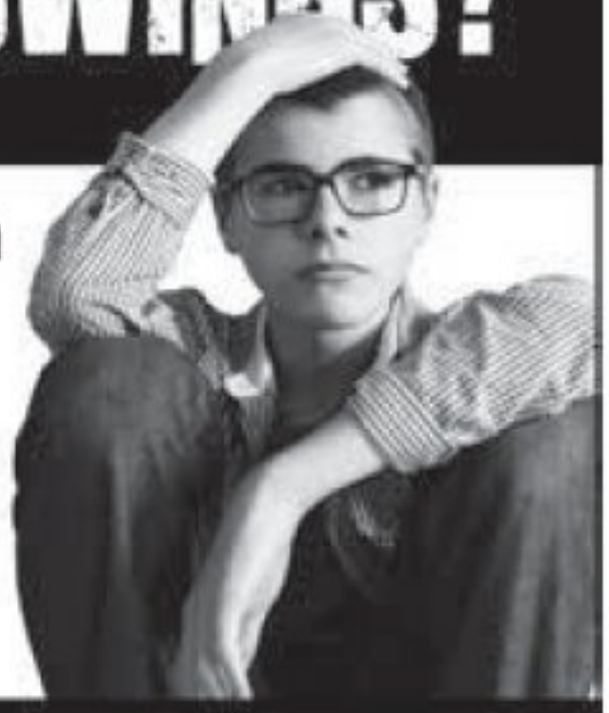

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